

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1979 - SB 2046

February 6, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Extends the registration period for an apprentice funeral director, apprentice embalmer, or mortuary school student from two to three years or until the registrant has completed the apprenticeship, whichever occurs first.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Passage of this legislation would benefit registrants by permitting more flexibility should the individual need to delay participation in the apprenticeship for medical or other personal reasons.
- Based on information provided by the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers (BFDE), this legislation would not impact the operations of the Board; therefore no fiscal impact to the BFDE.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The BFDE experienced a surplus of \$258,087 in FY15-16, a deficit of \$136,881 in FY16-17, and had a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,104,372 on June 30, 2017.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Extending the registration period for an apprentice funeral director, apprentice embalmer, or mortuary school student by one additional year will not significantly impact jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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